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Honorable Philip M. Crane, M.C.  
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Dear Congressman Crane:

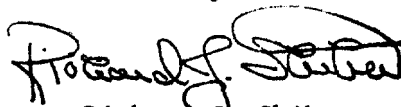
This is in reply to your letter of February 23, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, George C. Harms, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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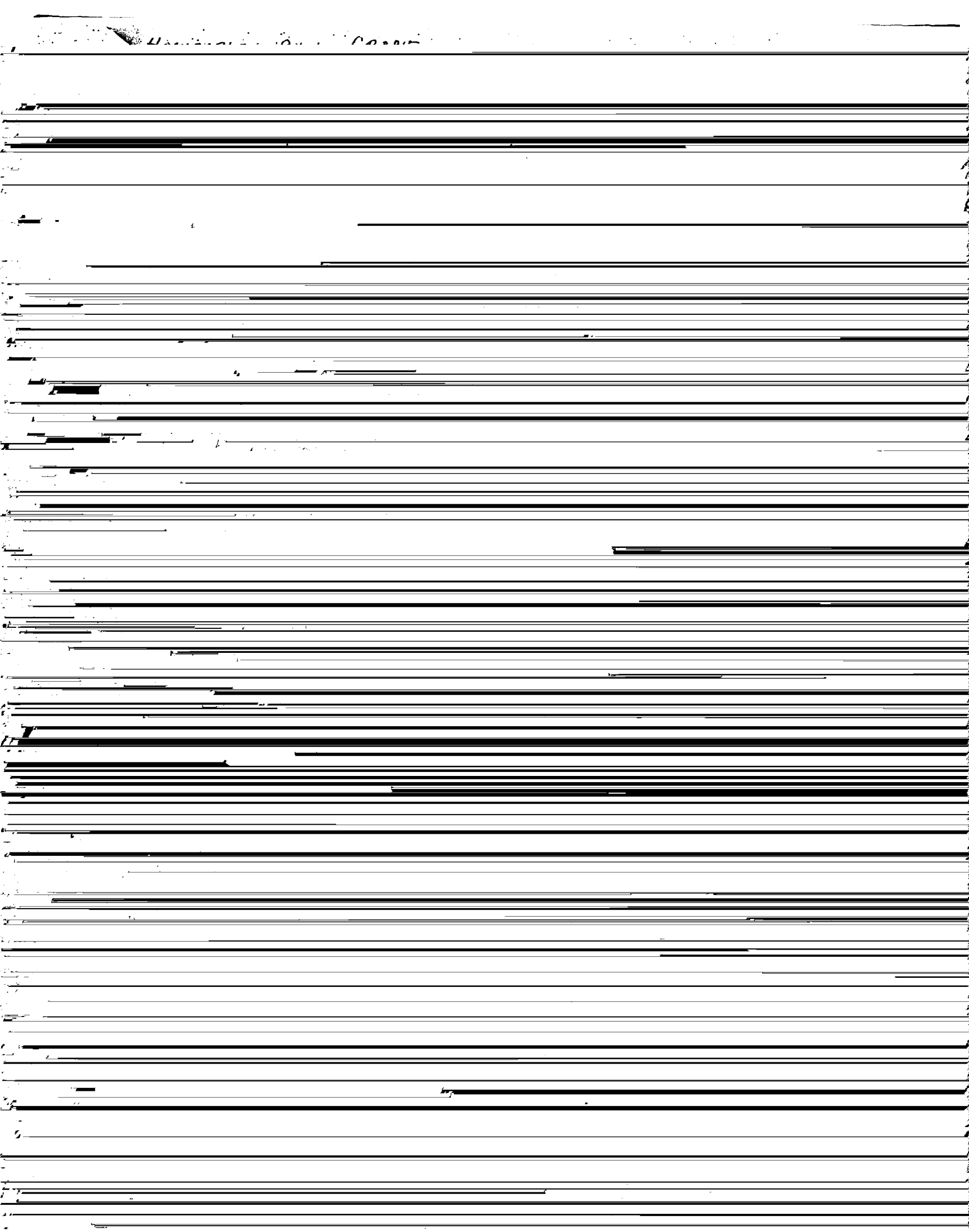
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DEAR MR. PHIL CRANE

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very active in a local club and enjoy many good friends. I have met some of our war heroes through this hobby. For example one flew B17's made 32 missions over Germany. Please don't let this die.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceedings PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. In the past 2 yrs I purchased new radio equipment to be in the new narrow band compliance. So did all the modelers in the country.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of commercial aviation industry.

Sincerely,     A     A